

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 593
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tonya Shane Thomason for her exemplary work as a legislative Intern during the 1998 session of the 100th General Assembly.

WHEREAS, Legislative Interns provide members with a wide range of services, thus enabling the often hectic session to run smoother and more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the offices of Senator Rusty Crowe and Senator Ron Ramsey have been very fortunate to have Tonya Shane Thomason, a senior at East Tennessee State University, as their legislative Intern during the 1998 session of the 100th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, born on August 27, 1977, Tonya was raised in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and has been a resident of Johnson City, Tennessee since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Tonya is a 1994 graduate of Roane County High School, where she was a popular and highly regarded student leader; and

WHEREAS, her long list of high school recognitions included placing in the top 10% of her graduating class, being a member of the prestigious National Youth Leadership Council, and being listed in *Who's Who of American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, she will graduate with cum laude honors from East Tennessee State University in May, 1998. Her major is Psychology, with minors in Criminal Justice and Sociology; and

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WHEREAS, her impressive list of collegiate accomplishments includes being a member of the Dean's List, the Psi Chi Honor Society, the Alpha Honor Society and the Psychology Club; and

WHEREAS, in the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, Tonya has compassionately contributed her time to several civic and charitable groups, including the Johnson City "Feed the Homeless" program and the Ronald McDonald House, where she has been a valuable volunteer since 1994; and

WHEREAS, her husband, Shawn Barron Thomason, parents, Robert Foster Quimby and Sandra McDonald Queener, and grandparents, Janice Quimby, and Earl and Polly McDonald; have been very supportive of her in all her endeavors and are very proud of her numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize one of our best and brightest students, thank her for her outstanding service to the legislature, and bid her a fond farewell; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our deepest appreciation to Tonya Shane Thomason and wish her much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.